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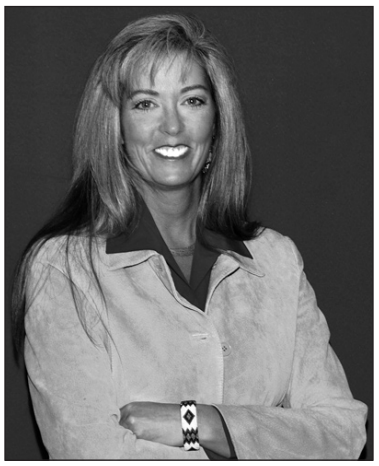

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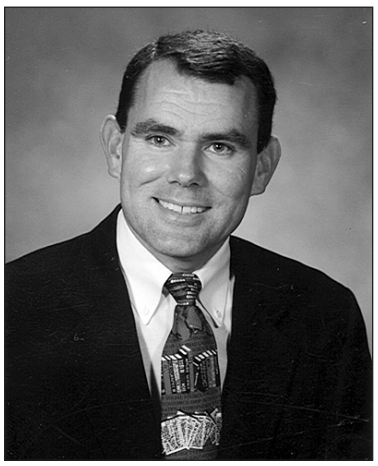

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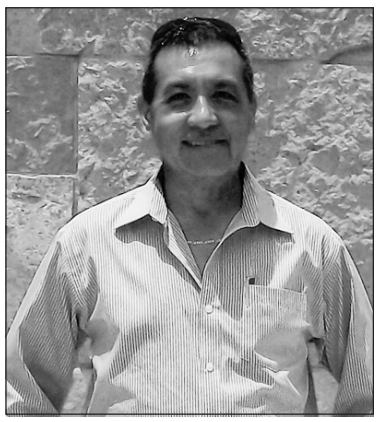

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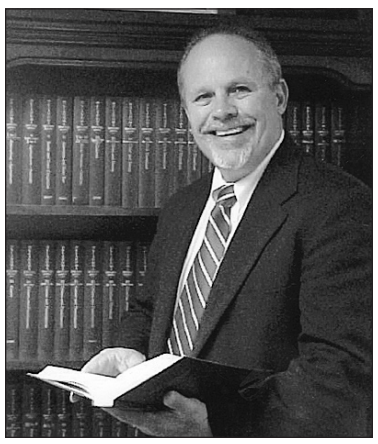

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Please Note:
There will be no legislative election in Tishomingo District.

Ballots will be mailed July 12, 2010.

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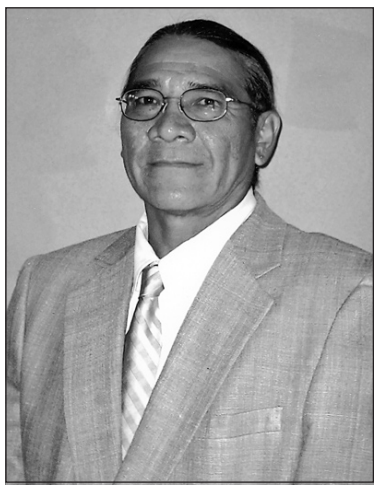

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Legislative contests in Panola, Pickens, Pontotoc Districts, plus judicial race

Candidates file for tribal offices; ballots mailed July 12

Chickasaw Nation Election Secretary Rita Loder has announced the candidates seeking four legislative seats and one judicial seat within the Chickasaw Nation.

The filing period closed Wednesday, June 9, 2010 at 4:30 p.m.

Pontotoc District Seat 5 incumbent Mary Jo Green of Ada will face challengers Todd Griffith of Newcastle and Mark Johnson of Ada.

Pickens District Seat 3 incumbent Linda Briggs of Marietta will face challengers Mike Watson of Ardmore and Daniel Worcester of Ardmore.

Panola District incumbent Beth Alexander of Achille will face Beryl F. Sears of Hendrix and Ellen Flowers of Calera.

Tishomingo District Seat 2 incumbent legislator Timothy K. Colbert of Sulphur is unchallenged and will retain his legislative seat.

Incumbent Supreme Court Justice Mark Holmes Colbert of Ardmore will face Jeremy Oliver of Wynnewood for Seat 1 on the court.

Registered Chickasaw voters will vote by absentee ballots. Ballots will be mailed to qualified voters July 12, 2010.

Ballots must be returned to the Chickasaw Nation Election Commission no later than 10:30 a.m. on July 27, 2010. No hand delivered ballots will be accepted.

The Chickasaw Nation Election Commission shall conduct and supervise the ballot counting beginning at 11 a.m. July 27, 2010, at the Chickasaw Community Center in Ada. Results of the elections shall be announced the same day.

For more information, contact Ms. Loder at (580) 310-6475.

Candidates filing are as follows:

Legislature:

Pontotoc District

Seat 5 Mary Jo Green (Incumbent) (Ada)

Seat 5 Todd Griffith (Newcastle)

Seat 5 Mark Johnson (Ada)

Seat 5 *Jerry Imotichey (Fillmore) *ineligible

Pickens District

Seat 3 Linda Briggs (Incumbent) (Marietta)

Seat 3 Mike Watson (Ardmore)

Seat 3 Daniel Worcester (Ardmore)

Panola District

Seat 1 Beth Alexander (Incumbent) (Achille)

Seat 1 Beryl F. Sears (Hendrix)

Seat 1 Ellen Flowers (Calera)

Tishomingo District

Seat 2 Timothy K. Colbert (Incumbent) (Sulphur)

Seat 2 *Joyce Wesley (Milburn) *ineligible

Supreme Court:

Seat 1 Mark Holmes Colbert (Incumbent) (Ardmore)

Seat 1 Jeremy D. Oliver (Wynnewood)

*Joyce Wesley and Jerry Imotichey were both ruled ineligible as candidates because they are currently employed by the Chickasaw Nation. Election rules require prospective candidates to resign employment upon filing.

Beth Alexander, *Incumbent*

Name of candidate: Beth Alexander

Position candidate is filing for: Tribal Legislator

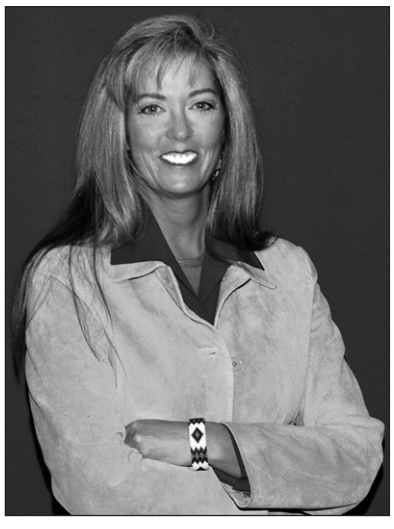
District and seat number: Panola District, seat 1

Background information: Beth Alexander is the youngest daughter of Don and June Leake, of Sherman, Texas. She is the granddaughter of original enrollee Mary Annetta Collins and is a direct descendant of Rhoda Gunn. Mrs. Alexander and her husband, Rick have two sons, Joshua and Will.

One thing she is passionate about is working with and encouraging young people. She has worked as a professional educator for 17 years in public and Christian schools and has a special interest in students with learning disabilities. The Alexanders also spent 12 years developing and implementing church camps and conducting children's revivals.

Educational background: After graduating from Sherman High School with honors, she earned a bachelor of science degree in elementary education with a specialization in life and earth sciences from Texas A&M-Commerce. She holds a teaching certification in both Oklahoma and Texas.

Civic and/or community activities: Mrs. Alexander participated in the National Education for Women's Leadership Program (N.E.W.) as a faculty in residence at the University of Oklahoma, inspiring, mentoring and teaching young women to become political leaders. For the past eight years, she has been a mentor and guest speaker for "The Dymanics of Leadership Class" hosted by Murray State Junior College, designed to inspire, empower and educate students with personal goals, communication skills and leadership ability. She is also an active speaker in several local churches throughout the Chickasaw Nation. During her years as a legislator, Mrs. Alexander has been involved in several legislative committees and is a member of the Chickasaw Historical Society.



Beth Alexander

Active in local and community affairs, Mrs. Alexander and her family attend Victory Life Church in Durant, where they served as children's pastors for 12 years. During this time they also developed and sponsored church camps for children and co-directed and developed children's revivals for local and inner-urban churchs.

Awards and honors: Mrs. Alexander was selected Teacher of the Year at both Texoma Christian Middle School and her first year of teaching at Kingston Public Schools. Mrs. Alexander was also selected the representative for the Oklahoma State Schools convention.

Goal as a member of the Chickasaw Legislature:

· To continue to represent the Panola District and all Chickasaw citizens with honesty, integrity and professionalism. As legislators, our responsibility is to serve you, the Chickasaw people.

· Mrs. Alexander is committed to improving and expanding the health care services to outlying communities and has seen the need for continued diligence in the fight against diabetes. She is an advocate of the Neurocare system – an electrical muscle stimulator that has been used to treat the complications of diabetes. In many cases, with diligent use, this system can improve the circulation in affected areas and even prevent amputation.

· To encourage the future expansion of the "Services at Large" program for those who live outside the Chickasaw Nation boundaries.

Personal message to the Chickasaw people: *As the philosopher Socrates once said, "The first key to greatness is to be in reality what we appear to be."*

Since becoming Legislator, I have made it my personal goal to assist All Chickasaw Citizens nationwide. I have no other agenda. Being a Legislator is my full time job. I believe each citizen deserves to get personal attention when it comes to meeting their needs. Everything ranging from home repairs, medical help and genealogy research, to careful attention to legislative details, giving speeches and praying for personal needs. I have endeavored to work on behalf of the people and vote to fairly represent your best interests. I am looking forward to continuing to represent you as your Panola District Legislator. I believe integrity and ethical values need to be at the forefront in our governing entities of the Chickasaw Nation. This will ensure a solid foundation for future generations to continue the development and growth of our tribe.

In order to serve you more effectively, I need to hear from you. Please contact me in one of the following ways: bethalexander22@hotmail.com, chickasawbeth.com or facebook me at chickasawbeth. My home phone number is (580) 283-3409.

"Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the Lord our God." Psalms 20:7

Thank you for your support and encouragement.

Beth Alexander – The People's Voice.

Panola District • Seat 1

Ellen Flowers

Name of candidate: Ellen J. Flowers
Position candidate is filing for: Tribal Legislator
District and seat number: Panola District, seat 1
Background information: Ms. Flowers is the daughter of Prince and Alice Kemp Flowers and the granddaughter of Douglas L. and Lillian Turner Kemp, who is the daughter of Sallie Duckworth Turner. She is a descendant of the Colberts, Kemps, Greenwoods, and Duckworths who were all Chickasaws. As most of you know Levi Colbert was one of the most important men in Chickasaw history, continually building the nation by hard work and perseverance. The Kemp family was also very instrumental in the development and growth of the Indian Territory. The town of Kemp was named for Jackson Kemp and his brother Joel and Mariah Colbert Kemp owned a ferry from the IT to Texas. Benjamin Kemp (Judge Ben) my great-great-grandfather was the last judge to preside at the Rock Springs court located between Achille and Kemp, IT. The Duckworth family was very interested in education, they sent seven (7) of their children to schools of higher learning. Sallie, (my great-grandmother) Maud and Nancy to Bloomfield Academy and Claude, Ben, Berry A., Jr., to Harley Institute and Wiley J.,0 to what is now Southeastern Oklahoma State University. All seven graduated.

Ellen Flowers

Allen and Nancy (Colbert) Greenwood, my great-great-great-grandfather and grandmother, was consistently working for the betterment of the Chickasaw Nation. it is also known in our family how actively the Greenwood's were in the education of our young people, especially the Chickasaw children. My great-great-grandmother Louisa (Lou) Duckworth attended Bloomfield Academy at Kemp, IT in the 1860's and Allen and Nancy's son Benjamin was the first clerk of Panola County and would have had to be educated to perform those duties. I too believe in the importance of education and hard work to be successful at any task we are asked to do. By you knowing a little about me and my ancestors, should let you know that I will represent you with integrity and honesty.

Ms. Flowers worked for the Chickasaw Nation as site manager of the Madill Chickasaw Nation Senior Site in 1996. In 2000 she advanced to caregiver coordinator with the Division on Aging. This position included traveling and working in all 13 districts of the Chickasaw Nation and working with all divisions of the Nation. In 2003 she was employed with Texoma Gaming at Kingston, Okla., and in 2008 she returned to the Division on Aging stationed in Achille with Chickasaw senior citizens.

Educational background: Ms. Flowers graduated from Caddo Public Schools in 1968. She attended Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Durant, from 1979-1981.

Civic and/or community activities: Ms. Flowers civic and community activities include: Oklahoma Indian Council on Aging (member), American Cancer Society, Native People Lay Health Advisor, and Chickasaw Elder.

Awards and honors: Ms. Flowers received a certificate for Caregivers Support Group 28th Annual Oklahoma Conference on Aging 2002; certification from the State of Oklahoma Medicare/ Medicade Fraud Abuse and Waste Reduction Program, 2003; Chickasaw Nation Department of Training and Development certificate of completion, 2002; certificate of Completion Three Feathers Title VI Technical Assistance and Management, San Diego, 1996, Kansas City, Mo., 1997 and Sulphur, Okla., 1998; certification from Oklahoma Indian Council on Aging, 1998; certificate of completion Office of Management and Budget Chickasaw Nation, 2002; certificate

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Beryl F. Sears

Name of candidate: Beryl F. Sears
Position candidate is filing for: Tribal Legislator
District and seat number: Panola District, seat 1
Background information: Mr. Sears is running for Panola District legislator to bring positive, meaningful change to every Panola District Chickasaw.

Born and raised in the heart of Panola District, Mr. Sears, 53, is a lifelong educator and rancher. He currently serves as the principal of Whitewright Elementary School. He has worked for 30 years as a teacher and administrator, and has also overseen the operation of the family cattle business.

A family man, Mr. Sears and his wife Debbie have one son, Brent, 20. Debbie is a special education teacher in the Durant School District and Brent works for the Chickasaw Nation.

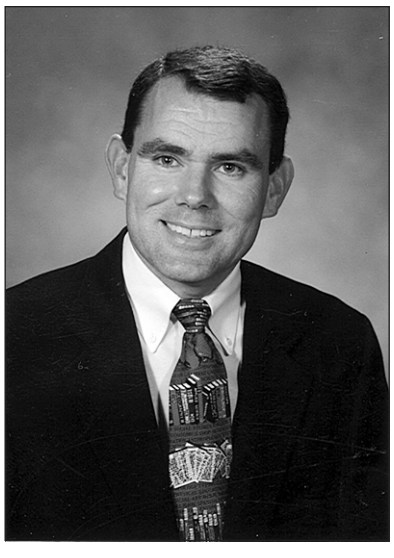
Chickasaw history and culture are extremely important to Mr. Sears. He is descended from the Colbert family and his great-great-great grandfather was Lemuel Colbert, one of the first Chickasaws to arrive in Indian Territory.

The Sears family are members of the Kemp Church of Christ.

Educational background: Mr. Sears earned a master's degree in business education from Oklahoma State University in 1980. He received his bachelor's degree in business administration and education from Southeastern Oklahoma State University in 1978.

He attended elementary school at Kemp, Oklahoma and graduated from Durant High School.

Civic and/or community activities: Mr. Sears believes understanding our heritage makes us stronger, more active citizens. He is a member of the Chickasaw Historical Society, the Oklahoma Historical Society and the Bryan County Heritage Association.


Beryl F. Sears

He has served his fellow Bryan County farmers and ranchers as an elected member of the Bryan County USDA Farm Service Advisory Committee.

Mr. and Mrs. Sears are active in their church.

Goal as a member of the Chickasaw Legislature: To bring real, practical and positive change to benefit Panola District Chickasaws, whether they live in or outside the district.

To work diligently with fellow legislators and the Governor to get good things done for Panola District Chickasaws.

To pass legislation that will fulfill the needs of Panola District Chickasaws, and to attend to the needs of our At-Large citizens.

Personal message to the Chickasaw people: *As early as I can remember, I was in the field with my family.*

I first remember following my mother down the row as she was picking cotton. A few years later I was on the "little" tractor raking hay.

Whatever the job, my mother, dad, brother and I all worked together. No one ever complained. It was simply our way of life.

Our parents instilled in us three principles for life: 1) work hard; 2) go to church; 3) get an education. Although they had no formal training past high school, they made certain I understood I would be going to college.

They also taught me that hard work, perseverance and faith in God would make for a happy life.

The times change, but not the guiding principles.

For the past 12 years, our current legislator has failed to pass a single piece of legislation. I will work hard every day to pass legislation that will benefit you. Our district needs jobs, educational opportunities, improved access to health care, transportation and so much more.

While the other Chickasaw Nation districts thrive with new tribal facilities, including businesses, clinics, hospitals and area offices, Panola District has only one small senior site. That must change. Our younger people need job and education opportunities. Our elders need transportation to health clinics, or better yet, a health clinic of our own!

Our Panola District Chickasaws who live outside the district deserve excellent representation. So many needs exist for Chickasaws living in Texas, California and all the other areas outside the Chickasaw Nation. I promise to sponsor legislation that will respond to those needs.

We have only one Panola District representative on the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature. Everything that could happen for our district is wrapped up in that one person.

I ask that you vote for me, Beryl Sears, as your Panola District legislator. I pledge to get positive results - for you!

Pickens District • Seat 3

Linda Briggs, *Incumbent*

Name of candidate: Linda Briggs

Position candidate is filing for: Tribal Legislator

District and seat number: Pickens District, Seat 3

Background information: An experienced full-time legislator Mrs. Briggs served four years as Chairperson of the Legislature and is presently serving her third year as Secretary. She was born in Love County (where she presently resides) and grew up in East Texas. She spent most of her early adult years in the Dallas area and has been back in Love County for 25 years. She worked as a bookkeeper/office manager and office management consultant, primarily in the oil and gas industry and was a licensed security dealer. She serves as Vice-Chair of the Chickasaw Tribal Utility Authority and as an alternate to Lt. Governor Keel on the National Congress of American Indians.

Educational background: Mrs. Briggs graduated from high school at Gladewater, Texas, studied a year at North Texas State University and the University of Tulsa. She attended Business College at Bish Mathis Institute in Longview, Texas where she completed numerous courses in business, business management and accounting. She has taken numerous other courses of study in areas of interest to her including studying securities with Rauscher-Pierce Securities in Dallas.

Linda Briggs

Civic and/or community activities: Mrs. Briggs served eight years on the Marietta (OK) Board of Education. She has also served as Marietta's mayor and treasurer. She is active and past chairman of the Board of Trustees of First Methodist Church, Marietta.

Awards and honors: Mrs. Briggs was recognized for outstanding contribution to education by Love County Chamber of Commerce and was recently named Grand Marshal of the Love County Frontier Days celebration.

Goal as a member of the Chickasaw Legislature: To enhance the lives of all Chickasaws living inside and outside the boundaries of the Chickasaw Nation. I want to continue to improve the services to our elders wherever they live. I want to continue to expand educational opportunities to all citizens of all ages and to continue to improve health care services to all citizens, wherever they live. I am business oriented, and I will remain very proactive on our business ventures to afford the services to our Chickasaw citizens.

Name of spouse and children: Mrs. Briggs is the widow of Bill Briggs. She has two children, Teresa Stofel, of Marietta, and Marc Briggs, of Georgetown, Texas.

Personal message to the Chickasaw people:

Throughout my years as your legislator I have worked very hard to better the lives of all Chickasaws with my actions.

I am passionate about the causes of our people and will continue to work with all the resources available to me to further enhance the services and to help any and all in every way possible.

Mike Watson

Name of candidate: Mike Watson

Position candidate is filing for: Tribal Legislator

District and seat number: Pickens District, Seat 3

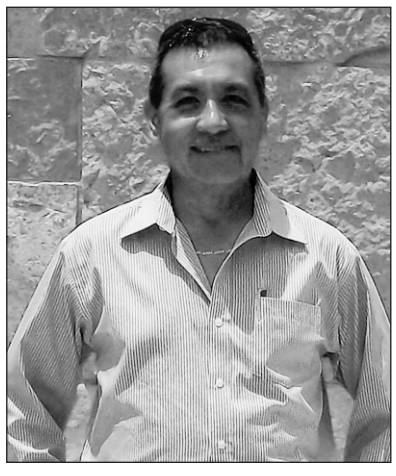
Background information: Mike Watson's mother is Wilma Pauline Stout Watson, Shawi (Clan) of Chickasha Hutak. His maternal grandmother was Hattie Pickens Stout, Shawi (Clan) of Chickasha Hutak. His maternal great-grandmother was Annie Ned Pickens, Shawi (Clan) of Chickasha Hutak.

His mother married Thomas W. Watson 3/8 Mississippi Choctaw, 4/8 Choctaw. His maternal grandmother married Sam Stout (undocumented Mississippi Choctaw and French). His maternal great-grandmother married Ihunta Pickens, son of Okchuntubby better know as Edmund Pickens (died ca.1868) for whom the Chickasaw Pickens District is named.

Mr. Watson was born into the Shawi (Clan). Many of his cousins were or are of the Bird (Clan). Traditional people are keenly aware of clan affiliation (i.e. Brown, Palmer, Mose, et al). Many of the aforementioned are not aware of their true clan connection.

Educational background: Mr. Watson graduated from Madill High School, Madill, Okla. He attended East Central University, American College and Phillips University. He has an associates degree in business management. He received a certification in third generation computer operations from the Computer Education Center.

Mr. Watson's formal studies were structured toward areas of personal interests, which included: history, accounting, computer technology (which in the early 1970s was a new and exciting science-field), real estate (appraising, financing, documenting surface and mineral ownership), government (Pre-Columbian through current philosophies of democracy, autocratic to dictatorships etc.) and balanced by reasonable knowledge of, geography (which prepared him to protect his family's real estate assets both lands and minerals). His education allowed him entry into several exciting fields of commerce where he witnessed development of stand-alone computerized technology and its introduction into the business, governmental and personal sectors of the 70s, plus applications for private and public sectors.



Mike Watson

His interest in real estate and geology allowed him to utilize personal interest then transformed that interest into business opportunities which resulted in personal profit.

Mr. Watson's accounting interest extends from the hand pull adding machine/calculator (of his childhood at his Choctaw grandparents home) to his computer interest which was preceded by the electric typewriter which his parents gave him to use for his high school studies. Math and word processing are the foundation of computer technology.

Mr. Watson's interest in history came from sitting on the porches of his grandparents listing to the old ones talk. In the evening, family and guest would take to rocking chairs or kitchen chairs laughing and talking until someone began speaking about Chickasaw or Choctaw history (daily life, locations, social activity, social structure, architecture etc).

In 1992 Mr. Watson's grandmother, Hattie Pickens Stout, passed away. His mother mentioned she wished to visit her father's birthplace.

Mr. Watson's memory of childhood stories about the greatness of the homelands (Chickasaw/Choctaw) and their history was awoken.

Mr. Watson announced they were going to Mississippi, his mother's wish was fulfilled, he gained an opportunity to walk Chickasaws old homeland.

Mr. Watson later organized a trip for the Chickasaw Legislative body, et al, to Chickasaw homeland.

He and his mother raised funds to take Chickasaw elders back to Chickasaw homeland for a visit.

Just as Annie Ned Pickens' mother oversaw the trip of Chickasaws in her group during Chickasaw removal from Mississippi, Wilma Watson made suggestion when she felt it was time to stop for the benefit and comfort of Chickasaw elders which coincided with everyone interest of exploring.

Mr. Watson said "Chickasaw eye watched our children and Chickasaw hands helped all Chickasaws within (Wilma's) group which was destined to visit Chickasaws historical homeland east of the Great Mississippi…."

Civic and/or community activities: Mr. Watson's community and civic activities include: preservation of history (mainly Chickasaw); choir; one of the founding members of Chickasaw Nation's tribal dancers; attended many Chickasaw gathering-at-large from California, Texas, Alabama, New Mexico, Arkansas, Tennessee, Mississippi and through-out Oklahoma without being paid to do so; assisted in establishing two non-profit organizations aimed

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Pickens District • Seat 3

Daniel Worcester

Name of candidate: Daniel Worcester

Position candidate is filing for: Tribal Legislator

District and seat number: Pickens District, Seat 3

Background information: Daniel Worcester was born in Ardmore, Okla., to D.D. and Dorothy Worcester. He is 15/32 degree Chickasaw. His paternal grandparents, Arlington Telle Worcester and Nora (Colbert) Worcester are both original enrollees. Mr. Worcester and his parents lived on original allotment land just north of Pontotoc several years before moving to land southwest of Ardmore. He and his wife Debbie continue to make their home there. His wife, Debbie, is employed by the Westheimer Corporation. Mr. Worcester has been employed for 36 years with AT&T, working in and around Ardmore.

Educational background: Mr. Worcester graduated from Lone Grove (OK) High School in 1974.

Civic and/or community activities: Mr. Worcester participates in the Santa Fe Indian Market in Santa Fe, N.M., Red Earth in Oklahoma City and the Annual Chickasaw Festival in Tishomingo exhibiting the knives he designs and builds. His work has been exhibited across the United States including the Museum of Arts & Design in New York City.

Daniel Worcester

Awards and honors: He was inducted into the Chickasaw Hall of Fame in 2009.

Name of spouse and children: Mr. Worcester and his wife, Debbie have three children and six grandchildren. Scott and wife, Amber have three children, Madison, Ashley and Gavin. Lori Dodson and husband, Shane have two children, Christian and Lily. James Daniel and wife, Whitney have a son, Carter.

Personal message to the Chickasaw people: *I want to say 'thank you' to all my fellow Chickasaws. It is because of you and those enlightened men and women who came before us, that our Chickasaw Nation is as great as it is today. As Chickasaws, we are truly blessed to live at this time in history. We have overcome many obstacles in the past and we can be sure there will many to overcome in the future. Opportunities are all around us and I believe each one of us possess the vision and determination to forge ahead for an even greater future. I want to pledge my support for all of the Chickasaw programs and services that our nation has to offer each and every person. From my youngest grandchild who is one week old, to my 79-year-old father, I know personally of how important each of our services and programs are to every age group. To see these expanded and made to serve you better will be my top priority. As a landowner, I recognize the need for constant vigilance protecting our natural resources. Our strong tribal sovereignty harbors our core identity as a people connecting our past, present, and future. Whether you live in the Pickens District or outside our boundaries in another state, your concerns and desires for our nation will be heard through me. If elected I will not only be your voice in the Chickasaw Nation, but also your eyes and ears to keep you informed of our Nation's progress in improving the life of each and every Chickasaw.*

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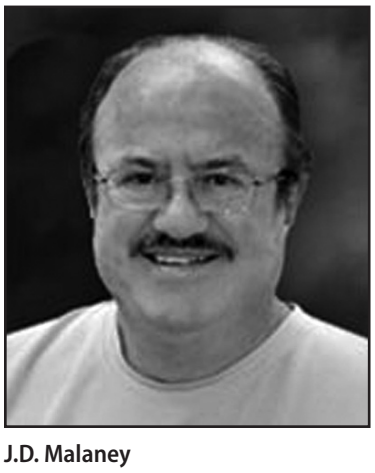

J.D. Malaney
Panola District Commissioner

Claude Miller
At-Large Commissioner

Mark Riesen
Pickens District Commissioner

Catherine Wood
Tishomingo District Commissioner

Pontotoc District • Seat 5

Mary Jo Green, *Incumbent*

Name of Candidate: Mary Jo Green
Position candidate is filing for: Tribal Legislator
District and seat number: Pontotoc District, Seat 5
Background information: Mary Jo Thomas Green was born the seventh child of hard working parents on her mother's Indian allotment. She was born four miles east of Fitzhugh, Oklahoma. She married J.L. Green in 1951. She is the mother of two and grandmother of three. She went back to college after 15 years and worked 22 years on behalf of Chickasaw Senior citizens. Mrs. Green is dedicated to helping the elders of her tribe and is currently working to improve the services for every Chickasaw, wherever they live.

Educational background: Mrs. Green attended grade school and high school at Fitzhugh School System graduating with the third highest grades in 1952. She attended East Central (OK) University for two years. She has attended numerous conferences and trainings while working for the Chickasaw Nation and started the first senior citizen program. Selected by the Chickasaw Nation, she attended a three-week Three Feathers training conference on helping elders. She worked for the Chickasaw Nation for 22 years and retired to run for the tribal legislature. She has served four terms. Mrs. Green has served on all legislative committees and served as chairman of the Human Services Committee for two years; Health Care Committee chairman for six years; and currently serves as chairman of the Education Committee.

Mary Jo Green

Civic and/or community activities: Mrs. Green has been a member of Ada Business and Professional Women's club for 38 years. She is a former Silver Haired Legislator; past president of Southern Oklahoma Development Agency (SODA) advisory board on aging; past president of Chickasaw AARP; and past worthy matron of Roff Order of Eastern Star (35-year member).

Awards and honors: Mrs. Green received 1985 Outstanding Employee in the State of Oklahoma, first ever given to an employee who didn't work for Oklahoma Department of Human Services (DHS). She was named 1992 Professional of the Year in the field of aging; 1992 Indian Health Service Directors award; 1992 Betsy D. Smith award State of Oklahoma for her dedication in providing service to older Americans.

Goal as a member of the Chickasaw Legislature: Mrs. Green has four terms of legislative experience. She believes her experience and background pay dividends through new legislation to help Chickasaws.

Mrs. Green is a longtime advocate for Chickasaw elders and plans to promote new programs and services for both in-district elders and At-Large elders.

One main goal is to create a Chickasaw assisted living center.

Mrs. Green says health care is the number one area of interest for Chickasaws. She was instrumental in bringing about the new Chickasaw Nation medical center which will open in Ada this summer.

Mrs. Green currently serves as chair of the Education Committee. She feels strongly in helping with education of any Chickasaw who can make passing grades, regardless where the person lives or the age of the Chickasaw.

Name of Spouse and children: Mrs. Green has been married to J.L. Green for 58 years. They have one son, Jess Green, an attorney in Ada, Okla., and a daughter, Melissa Wilkerson, a graduate of East Central University and cur-

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Todd Griffith

Name of Candidate: Todd D. Griffith
Position candidate is filing for: Tribal Legislator
District and seat number: Pontotoc District, Seat 5
Background information: Mr. Griffith is a descendant of Winchester Colbert. He was born and raised by Sherrell "Butch" and Saundra Griffith on a second generation dairy farm in Newcastle, Okla., where he still resides. The farm is on Chickasaw land and was part of the original allotment from the U.S. Government. The Colbert/Smith family comes home to this land every 4th of July to reconnect and celebrate our heritage. His grandmother, Jean Smith Griffith along with her brother Colbert C. Smith and sister, Theople Smith Pugh grew up on the land and he is proud to continue their legacy.

After college Mr. Griffith returned to his home and worked side by side with his father on the farm and he did growing up. Given his entrepreneurial spirit and desire to stand on his own, he started his own business in 1995. He currently owns and operates T.G. Farms, a full-service greenhouse, vegetable stand and pumpkin patch. He has two locations in Newcastle. He also farms land in Newcastle, selling produce at farmer's markets. As a business owner, he is continually seeking to improve his business, meet his customer's needs and be an advocate for his community.

Educational background: Mr. Griffith is a 1988 graduate of Newcastle High School and received his bachelor of science in animal science with a business option from Oklahoma State University in 1992.

Civic and/or community activities: Mr. Griffith's civic and communities activities include: Northern Pontotoc Chickasaw Community Council (chairperson), Chickasaw Senior Farmer's Market Nutrition Program (vendor), Oklahoma Vegetable Association (member), True Oak Fellowship (treasurer, Bible study leader), Newcastle Chamber of Commerce (member), Newcastle Annual Pumpkin Festival, co-sponsored by the Newcastle Chamber of Commerce (host), Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma (donor), proud supporter of Newcastle FFA and Oklahoma AgriTourism Association (member).

Todd Griffith

Awards and honors: His awards and honors include: 2009 Top Ten Entrepreneur Engage Oklahoma, an economic development guide developed by the Oklahoma Department of Commerce and the Journal Record. Honored supporter of the Bethany Children's Center, a private, not-for-profit hospital serving children with complex medical and physical disabilities.

Goal as a member of the Chickasaw Legislature: My goals are to raise awareness of the current services offered through the Chickasaw Nation for all Chickasaw people; strive to understand the needs of the Chickasaw people, regardless of their geographic location and work to expand service making them convenient for any member of the Chickasaw Nation.

Name of spouse and children: Mr. Griffith and his wife, Leslie celebrated their 17th wedding anniversary in May. God blessed them with one child, Emily.

Personal message to the Chickasaw people: *I am passionate about educating all members of the Nation concerning the wealth of opportunities and services the Nation provides it people. Through bold leadership and commitment to continue to strengthen the Chickasaw Nation, I believe we will be able to sustain growth and diversify to ensure the future success of the Chickasaw Nation and its people. Growth and diversification will ensure the services now offered will be available for our children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren and will allow expansion in services the Nation is able to offer.*

I believe to be an effective leader; you must be open, honest and accountable in your representation of those who have chosen you to serve. My aunt, Elaine Griffith, encouraged me to get involved in the Community Council meetings. My involvement has opened my eyes to the blessing of being a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation and the greatness of belonging to something bigger than myself.

My family has a given me a rich heritage. It is time for my generation to stand up and continue the legacy for our children. I consider it a duty to uphold the high ideals and standards of the Chickasaw and I would consider it a privilege to serve you as a Pontotoc District Legislator. The continued success of the Chicka-

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Pontotoc District • Seat 5

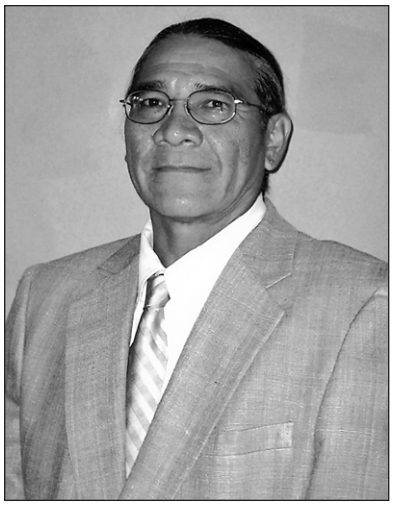
Mark Johnson

Name of Candidate: Mark A. Johnson

Position candidate is filing for: Tribal Legislator

District and seat number: Pontotoc District, Seat 5

Background information: Mark A. Johnson was born in Wewoka, Okla., in 1960 to Sampson Johnson, full-blood Chickasaw and the late Lucille (Harjo) Johnson. He is the grandson of Ebatamby "Eddie" and Ethel (Gipson) Johnson and the great-grandson of original enrollee #390 the late Scott and Tamena Johnson. He is the fourth of seven children and is full-blood Native American and is half Chickasaw. He has been employed with the Chickasaw Nation Health Systems since 1995. He began as an entry level maintenance helper and worked to maintenance mechanic and up to facilities manager. He later began computer data entry for all work orders and parts throughout the Carl Albert Indian Health Facility. In 1996 he began installing and programming telephone equipment throughout the hospital and clinics within the Chickasaw Nation jurisdiction. In 1997 he received his Federal Communication Certification (FCC). Since 2004 he has maintained the satellite clinics in Durant, Tishomingo, Ardmore, Purcell and briefly the Women, Infant and Children (WIC) building in Duncan.



Mark Johnson

Educational background: Mr. Johnson is a 1978 graduate of New Lima (OK) High School and received his associates of arts degree from Seminole (OK) Junior College in 1993. He is licensed by the Federal Communication Commission. He holds licenses as a Hazwopper, First Responder, electrical apprentice and is certified with EPA 608 and HILTI. He has live experience in tribal issues, property management of federal facilities and building construction.

Family members: Mr. Johnson has three grown sons and five wonderful grandchildren.

Personal Message to the Chickasaw people: *I enjoyed working for the Health Systems for the past 15 years. In doing so, I saw the needs of my Chickasaw People! It is time for faster service in our health systems, better wound care, a hyperbaric treatment to go hand and hand with a healthier diet. I see a need for programs such as; service for the middle aged people and those that have lost their limbs. Faster services, instead of the two year waiting period for new glasses and the long wait for dental service. As your full-time Tribal Legislator, I will address these problems. I have heard complaints and seen the long wait for medical bills to be paid. This is a worry that my people have to endure. These worries cause our elders to decide which of their bills they will pay, electric, gas or water. I will address these issues! There is always room for improvement, with your vote we can make changes! I know the need for higher wages, so our families can benefit. When the parents do well our children do well. The clothing monies for our school children need to be sent out before the start of school. The children need to be able to walk into the classroom with their heads held high, which leads to improved learning. I say, lets work together to build their future with your vote we can do this. I will work to address the needs we are facing. Your input and vote can make dreams come true! Tell people this is our Mark Johnson! Your vote will place a voice at the table that will address Your needs! As your full-time Legislator, I will always be a phone call away! I will recommend new ways to improve educational programs, vocational education training, apprenticeship programs and college aide. I know the situation with the job market across the United States and believe as a Tribal Nation we can help find jobs for our people. I will be your Voice! I will get out and talk with the people! Tell your family members, with your Vote Change is Here! Today and Tomorrow will be Chokma!*

Chokmaishki

Thank you! Mark A. Johnson

Tishomingo District • Seat 2

Tim K. Colbert, *Incumbent*

Name of candidate: Timothy K. Colbert

Position candidate is filing for: Tribal Legislator

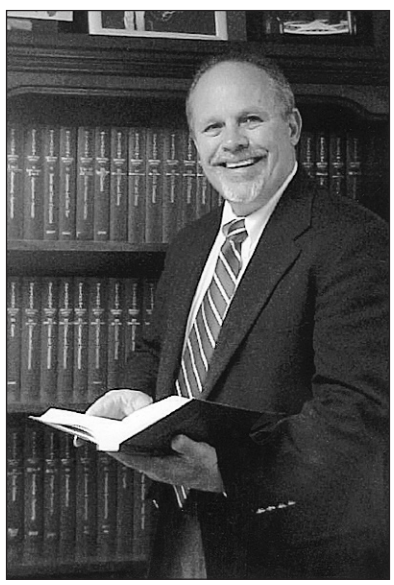
District and seat number: Tishomingo District, Seat 2

Background information: Mr. Colbert was born in Oklahoma City and raised in Sulphur, Okla. He is the son of the late Dixie and Ruby Colbert. He has been a member of the Oklahoma Bar Association for 34 years and is a charter member of the Chickasaw Bar Association. He is the senior Chickasaw Legislator with 31 years of service.

Educational background: Mr. Colbert is a graduate of Sulphur High School. He graduated from the University of Oklahoma with a bachelor of arts degree in history and received his juris doctorate from Oklahoma City University.

Civic and/or community activities: Mr. Colbert is a member of the Lions Club, BPOE, retired volunteer fireman and a member of St. Francis Catholic Church.

Awards and honors: Mr. Colbert's awards and honors include President's Leadership Class at the University of Oklahoma, a member of the honor roll at the University of Oklahoma and Oklahoma City University and senior member with 31 years of service on the Chickasaw Legislature.



Tim K. Colbert

Goal as a member of the Chickasaw Legislature: Continued dedication and commitment to improve and expand our senior citizen and health care programs for all Chickasaws both in and out of the physical boundaries of the Nation. To work to insure all Chickasaw people have the opportunity for a first class education. To push for quality jobs and housing for Chickasaws. To promote our history, culture and heritage. A commitment to expand our business enterprises to provide funding for our social and economic programs in and out of the physical boundaries of the Nation.

Name of spouse and children: Mr. Colbert and his wife, Michelle, live in Sulphur. He has one son, Zachary Colbert.

Personal message to the Chickasaw People: *For the past 31 years, you have chosen to send me to the tribal legislature to represent you. I have had the privilege to serve you and to be involved in the growth of the Chickasaw Nations programs, services and businesses.*

I am the senior member of the legislature and it is my goal to work for you every day.

Education, health care, jobs and elder programs are my top priorities as your legislator. Those programs have remained consistent throughout my tenure and we have witnessed many improvements in related programs and services over the years.

The keys to our tribe's future are protecting our sovereignty, managing our resources well, and creating a variety of great opportunities for the Chickasaw people everywhere. I am proud to serve you and our tribe and I look forward to again representing the Tishomingo District in the legislature.

Thank you for your support and thank you for your vote in the upcoming election.

Tribal Judge • Seat 1

Mark Holmes Colbert, *Incumbent*

Name of candidate: Mark Holmes Colbert

Position candidate is filing for: Tribal Judge

District and seat number: Seat 1

Background information: Mr. Colbert was born and raised in Sulphur, Okla., and has resided in Ardmore, Okla., for the past 27 years. He has been in private practice for 27 years doing civil trial work. He is a charter member of the Chickasaw Bar Association and was elected to the Chickasaw Supreme Court in 2002. He served as Chief Justice during the 2005-2006 and 2008-2009 terms.

Educational background: Mr. Colbert is a 1975 graduate of Sulphur High School. He attended the U.S. Air Force Academy and the University of Missouri, where he graduated in 1979 with a bachelor of arts degree. He graduated with a juris doctorate in December 1982 from Oklahoma City University Law School.

Mark Holmes Colbert

Civic and/or community activities: Mr. Colbert is president and a board member of Kippers Gymnastics, a non-profit organization. He was also past president and board member of the Ardmore Kiwanis Club.

Awards and honors: Mr. Colbert is a charter member of the Chickasaw Bar Association. He is admitted to practice before the Oklahoma Supreme Court, the United States District Court for the Eastern, Western and Northern Districts of Oklahoma and the Northern District of Texas.

Goal as a member of the Chickasaw Legislature: My goal as a Justice of the Supreme Court is to run an efficient, high quality and user-friendly court to serve the Chickasaw Nation and all Native Americans within our borders.

Name of spouse and children: Mr. Colbert married his wife, Kim, in 1983 and the couple has two daughters, Kathryn, 23, who recently graduated from the University of Oklahoma and Caroline, 20, a junior at the University of Oklahoma.

Personal message to the Chickasaw People: *I am humbled to serve you as a tribal judge. We must continue to defend our tribal sovereignty. This is critical to insure our people are treated fairly and justly.*

Jeremy D. Oliver

Name of candidate: Jeremy Daniel Oliver

Position candidate is filing for: Tribal Judge

District and seat number: Seat 1

Background information: Jeremy Daniel Oliver was born October 1, 1979 at Wichita, Kan., to Jack and Jana Oliver. He lives on his grandfather's farm in the Pontotoc District in Wynnewood, Okla. He has one brother, Jason Michael Oliver. He is a direct descendent of Robert Colbert and his wife Nunnaby, whose daughter Emily Colbert, a full-blood Chickasaw original roll member, married Allen Latta of Cherokee and Chickasaw descent.

Mr. Oliver is in private practice working in Native American, Family and Criminal Law field. He primarily works in the Oklahoma cities of Wynnewood, Ada, Oklahoma City and Norman at his firm the Law Offices of Jeremy D. Oliver, Esq., PLLC. He serves as general counsel to the Legislature of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Nation at El Reno and Concho, Okla.

Educational background: Mr. Oliver is a graduate of Wichita State University with an associate of arts degree and from Washburn University in Topeka, Kan., with a bachelor of arts degree in mass media/public relations with a minor in speech communications and from Oklahoma City University of Law with a juris doctorate.

Jeremy D. Oliver

Civic and/or community activities: Mr. Oliver is a member of the Chickasaw Bar Association and the Cheyenne and Arapaho Bar Association and is admitted to practice in both courts. He is a member of the Federal Bar Association Native American Law Section, as well as the Oklahoma Bar Native American Law Section. He is admitted to practice before the Oklahoma Supreme Court, the United States District Court for the Eastern and Western Districts of Oklahoma and the United States Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals. Mr. Oliver served the Apache Nation as a legal intern for the Native American Resource Center at Oklahoma City University focusing on Indian Child Welfare Act and Domestic Violence cases. He served as the vice president for the Native American Law Student Association

Awards and honors: Mr. Oliver was awarded as the National Rainier Native American Leadership Scholar and the Ernest L. Wilkinson Native American Legal Excellence award.

Goal as a member of the Chickasaw Legislature:

Personal Message to the Chickasaw People: *It is an honor and privilege to run for the esteemed position of Supreme Court Justice for our great Chickasaw Nation. Through my law school career I was deeply appreciative of the educational support that was given me by the Chickasaw Nation. As General Counsel and private practice Attorney, I have focused my efforts to the practice of Native American Law. It is now time for me to give back to my Nation and its people by serving in a position that will guide and protect the laws of our Nation. Our Nation thrives and is prosperous in a time when economic trials plague the world. We are a Nation of exceptional people and it makes me proud that I am a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation. To my people, I thank you.*

MARY JO GREEN

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rently employed with the Chickasaw Nation Division of Youth and Family Services. She has two granddaughters, Mekisha Factor, an East Central University graduate and currently an intern counselor in the Division of Education; and Destiny Green, a student at Austin, Texas. She will graduate December 2010. She has a grandson, Judd Green, who currently works and is continuing his education.

Personal Message to the Chickasaw people: *I have a goal to help our people live their lives with dignity and respect. Our culture directs us to assist our elders with services that allow them to stay comfortable in their homes and to help those who need more help.*

It is important to provide a safe place where caregivers can help elders live fruitful lives.

I support jobs for our youth and all age citizens a place to work as long as they feel able to work.

We need to continue sound businesses where there are employment opportunities tforthose who are out of work.

Health care is of utmost importance. We need to provide the best quality of care for our people. That is plain from my conversations with citizens. Our new tribal hospital will mark a giant step forward in Chickasaw health care.

I believe it is important to assist in providing housing for our young families and our elders. I continue to believe a Chickasaw assisted living center would be an incredibly important facility.

I am committed to serving you, and I am accessible by telephone and email.

TODD GRIFFITH

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saw Nation is dependent on passing our knowledge and our strengths to future generations.

I look forward to serving you and I humbly ask for your vote. Please feel free to contact me at 405-387-2847, todd@votegriffith.com or www.votegriffith.com.

MIKE WATSON | CONTINUED FROM PAGE 4

at helping Chickasaw citizens; attend nearly all Chickasaw Legislative sessions since 1990, and addresses issues which affected Chickasaws within and outside Chickasaw Nation and repeatedly pressed for benefits for all Chickasaws.

Awards and honors: As a student and young man Mr. Watson participated in many clubs, social groups and has received many ribbons and certificates. However, he feels seeking individual awards and honors are only a comfort for low self-esteem persons, Mr. Watson rejoices in the giving and helping his fellow human beings.

Goal as a member of the Chickasaw Legislature: When elected legislator, Mike Watson will work hard toward the following enumerated objectives. However, he points out that no one legislator can achieve their goals or objectives without the assistance, cooperation, support and teamwork participation of others, legislators and citizens.

To pass a Chickasaw resolution takes seven yes votes, to override a Chickasaw veto takes nine yes-votes-to-override.

Mr. Watson is aware that to achieve many of his goals will require many enlighten minded legislators, citizen participation, accurate financial data and good review to justify any given position. Mr. Watson can learn, he has common sense. And he shall: work, ethically and honestly, for all Chickasaw citizens; meet with, listening to issues and working toward a equitable solution for all Chickasaw citizens; work toward actual accountability to Chickasaw citizens; encourage regular Chickasaw Nation employee pay scale review and justification; encourage periodic Chickasaw Nation employee "cost of living" pay adjustments to the positive, with an "in status quo" should the cost of living subside; work toward changing the regular legislative session meeting times to something move advantageous to Chickasaw citizen participation, as provided by Chickasaw Nation Constitution; work toward equitable election rules and economically reasonable filing fees to increase candidate participation opportunities; work toward Chickasaw Nation laws of incorporation to promote Chickasaw citizen-owned businesses, laws which will increase the strength and foundation of the Chickasaw Nation sovereignty; review all business plans for profitability and benchmark accountability points to determine if Chickasaw investments are being properly protected; review year-end expenditure reports of approved budgets (for oversight in financial and managerial accountability of your assets); work to establish several formula, for "Dividend Payment to Citizens a/k/a Per Capita" from net assets of Chickasaw investments, then ask that Chickasaw voters have an input via a referendum ballot vote; work toward Chickasaw working citizens assistance, children's care centers, elder care centers and youth education/activity centers. 8 to 5 facilities do not provide the needed extra support our working citizens need to enable them to be productive and economically goal oriented when they have worries or stress concerning the well being of their love ones, provided Chickasaw Nation has ample funds.

Personal message to the Chickasaw people: *Mike Watson holds three issues to be of noteworthy concern or interest for Chickasaw People.*

Primary issue, protecting Chickasaw national sovereignty.

Secondary issue, economical growth and diversification via: a) providing business facilities within Chickasaw boundaries at economically reasonable rental/lease rates which encourage private economic development ventures with Chickasaw government as landlord only, not business partner, plus b) facilitating access to a diverse competent work-force for U.S. companies which are outsourcing their (internationally recognized legal) operations to a sovereign nations outside of the United States (i.e. U.S. companies which are moving offshore to save on corporate taxes, invite those corporation to operate within the sovereign Chickasaw Nation and develop a tax rate).

Paramount issue, Per Capita for Chickasaws

Mike Watson has heard many untruths about per capita: 1) Chickasaws will become lazy and quit their job. You alone shall determine if you decide to stop working and are capable of living on a one-time payment of $1,000 or what other amount is established. 2) Chickasaws will become drunks. There shall always be a few who will drink, however, those who drink will drink with or without receiving a per capita. In as much as we know some will drink others will pay bills, etc, etc. 3) Only Chickasaws living within Chickasaw Nation will qualify for per capita. Not true, example there is an elderly person who lives in Ardmore, Oklahoma and is a citizen of Mississippi Choctaw Nation of Mississippi. Mike Watson is related to some Mississippi Choctaws who share the same surname as that Mississippi Choctaw, and in addition, Mike Watson has other Mississippi Choctaw relatives who live in Oklahoma and they receive Mississippi Choctaw per capita however they must have ½ degree Mississippi Choctaw Blood. Rules are not set in stone.

4) Only full-blood Chickasaws qualify to receive per capita. Not true, a formula to dispense per capita funds would have to be decided on. Should the per capita formula restricted who qualified to receive payments then all CN voters would have to decide via their vote what disbursement method would be acceptable to the majority of CN voters. 5) Only elected Chickasaw officials can decide on per capita. Not true, our constitution provides for three avenues in which the issue of per capita can be resolved. First method, a certain elected official of the executive branch can budget for per capita payments on an equitable basis. Second method, legislature design several options and place those options before Chickasaw voter with consent of nine (9) legislators. Third method, Chickasaw voters have the right to petition for the question of per capita to be placed before them on a ballot for the Chickasaw voters to decide upon. 6) Services will have to be cut if a per capita payment is made. Not true, funds from federal, state, local or private grants, awards or contract can not be used to make per capita payments.

Mike Watson's personal opinion "Chickasaw Nation's legislative branch approved an executive branch's request to increase salaries cap-max for a certain few Chickasaw Nation's commissioners from $30,000 yearly to a cap-max of $300,000, a certain appointed official's salary cap-max increased from $60,000 to a cap-max of $80,000, Chickasaw Nation legislator could vote for the Chickasaws and provide per capita."

And Chickasaws Nation's August 2009's cash-on-hand was in excess of $300,000,000. A $1,000 per capita to each registered Chickasaw member would still leave funds in excess of a quarter of a billion dollars for tribal operation, based on August 2009 certified Statement of Net Assets of Chickasaw Nation. (i.e. if there were 40,000 citizens then a $1,000 payout would be 40 million dollars [40,000 x 1,000= 40,000,000])

When elected your legislator, it shall be an honor and my duty to work toward serving each Chickasaw citizen to the best of my ability.

Mike Watson, can not promise you will receive everything you would like. However, Mike promises he shall work hard, he shall study every issue then do his best for all Chickasaws and shall represent Chickasaws well.

Thank you. Your prayers and vote for Mike Watson shall genuinely be appreciated.

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ELLEN FLOWERS | CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3

from Chickasaw Nation and Governor Bill Anoatubby for Exceptional Service.

Goal as a member of the Chickasaw Legislature: After much encouragement from Chickasaw citizens who reside in Panola District and a lot of prayerful consideration, I have decided to run for Legislator of Panola District and for the honor to represent my fellow Chickasaw citizens. I believe it is time to have a Legislator who will work with Chickasaw people of Panola District and one that stands on common ground with them. I will not back down when it comes to standing firm for Panola District and the other districts of the Nation. This election is about where Panola District will be taken in the next three years and beyond. As of now only three jobs or employment opportunities for Chickasaw citizens are available. Two are filled by non-Indians! (one full-time and one part-time) and another part-time is open at this time. Citizens this is the way it has been for years. The great Chickasaw Nation is progressing with amazement. I will fight for progress in Panola District. A vote for me will be a vote for Progress in Panola District and the People there within!

Name of spouse and children: Ms. Flowers has a brother, Doug Flowers, of Durant, Okla.; a daughter, Robbie Jo Burt, of Calera, Okla.; a granddaughter, Lacey Jo Burt, and grandson, Ty Burt, and a great-grandson, Landon, all of Calera.

Personal Message to the Chickasaw People: *I know elders, adults and children citizens of the Chickasaw Nation and have worked for them for years. I have found elders living without citizenship cards needing someone to help. For the people outside of Panola District ask the Chickasaws that live and have raised their families inside Panola District who they are voting for, who they want to represent them!*

Chickasaw voters
Exercise your right to vote! Mark and return your ballot!

The Chickasaw Nation Election Commission and election secretary encourage ALL registered Chickasaws to cast their votes for the candidate of their choice. YOUR VOTE COUNTS!

As a citizen and eligible voter of the Chickasaw Nation you have the honor to cast your vote for your tribal leaders. Don't miss this opportunity to make your voice be heard. Cast your vote and return your absentee ballot in the prepaid envelope supplied in your ballot packet.

• CAST YOUR VOTE FOR THE CANDIDATE OF YOUR CHOICE

• PLACE YOUR BALLOT IN THE INNER ENVELOPE

• PLACE INNER ENVELOPE IN "OUTER" ENVELOPE

• SIGN YOUR NAME WHERE INDICATED ON "OUTER" ENVELOPE

• PLACE YOUR BALLOT IN THE MAIL

IMPORTANT NOTE: You MUST sign your name as addressed to you, or your vote will NOT BE COUNTED. Your signature has been scanned in the voter database as it appears on your voter application. Your signature on the outer envelope is compared to your signature on the voter database to confirm the validity of your original signature. The ELECTION COMMISSION AND ELECTION SECRETARY verify your signature during the ballot counting process.

No one knows how you vote.

Remember to return your ballots early, giving ample time to reach the election commission's post office box before the deadline.

Contact your election office

Those wishing to contact the Chickasaw Election Office may do so at one of the following:
P.O. Box 695, Ada, OK 74821
(580) 310-6475 phone
(580) 310- 6474 Fax
Toll Free 1-888-661-0137
Chickasaw.net then click government.

Remember to contact tribe when your address changes

In our modern society, it is a fact of life that people move often. People move to new homes within their communities, or they may move across the country.

Chickasaws are no different. Chickasaw citizens live in every state in the union, plus the District of Columbia, Guam and several foreign countries. There are also a good number of Chickasaw military men and women who often change duty stations.

Remember that when you move, you should contact the tribal election secretary's office to update your address. If you fail to do so, you will soon find you are not receiving the regular mailings from the tribe, including your monthly issue of *the Chickasaw Times* and your mail-in ballot.

The Times is mailed via third-class mail and is most often not forwarded. The ballots are mailed first-class and will be forwarded for a period of time by the U.S. Post Office. However, that forwarding does expire. When that happens, you will not receive a ballot.

Think of your tribe when you change addresses. It is easy and simple to make the change. Just call the election secretary's office and update your address. You may call the office at (580) 310-6475 or toll free at 1-888-661-0137, or you may email the election secretary at rita.loder@chickasaw.net

Remember, it's quick, easy and it preserves your right to vote!

Chickasaw Nation Election Commission selects automated election services

Ink Impressions, Inc. automated election services, based in Albuquerque, N.M., and has been selected to provide the absentee ballots, mail-out, tabulation and ballot counting machines for this year's election.

Ink Impressions, Inc. has been providing this type of election service since 1974.

President of the company, Terry Rainey, and staff travel all over the United States, providing automated election services for over 150 Native American tribes.

The Chickasaw Nation Election Commission has utilized their services for pervious elections with tremendous results.

CHICKASAW ELECTION COMMISSION
P.O. Box 695
Ada, OK 74821

CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM

Your Name (Print Please)

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Last **First**

Date of Birth ____/____/____ _____
Month Day Year **Maiden Name**

(Old Address)

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Street **City & Zip**

(New Address)

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Street

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City & Zip **Phone No.**

Sign Here _____ **Date** _____

Form no. 580 Election Commission 6/2005

Complete your ballot properly - make your vote count!

Do you know the correct way to complete your election ballot? There is such a procedure in assuring that your vote will be counted in this year's election. Failure to correctly complete your ballot can result in your vote being ruled "invalid" by the Chickasaw Nation Election Commission.

Here are some helpful reminders when casting your vote in July.

1. Complete the arrow, using a No. 2 pencil or black ink pen. Ballots are tabulated by Scantron, which recognizes pencil or black ink. Do not circle, check or underline the candidates' names.

2. Sign your signature on the outside ballot envelope exactly as it reads, using a blue or black ink pen. Be sure to write your signature in cursive. Do not print. Notice: A hole is punched in the envelope to verify the ballot was inserted.

3. The bar code that appears on the outside envelope is for tabulating purposes only and is not to be written anywhere on the ballot or envelope.

4. Do not put more than one ballot in the inner envelope. Although there may be several voters in a household, no ballots will be counted if all ballots are mailed in one envelope.

5. Complete and mail your ballot as soon as you receive it so it will reach the Ada Post Office by Tuesday, July 28, 2009, the last day the ballots will be received. Ballots are mailed to all qualified voters on July 13, 2009. Voters have two weeks to return their ballots. The ballots will go to the post office in Oklahoma City prior to the Ada Post Office. It will take at least three days before the ballots actually arrive in Ada. Do not wait until the weekend before the deadline to mail your ballot. Doing so may cause it to be late.

6. Make sure that your ballot is not soiled or scribbled on. It must be legible.

7. Finally, vote! This is your privilege, so use it. Ballots will remain in the Ada Post Office until they are picked up by the Election Commissioners on ballot counting day, July 28, 2009.

If you have any questions about your voter registration, completing your ballot or if you do not receive your ballot, please contact Rita Loder, election secretary at the Election Commission office, (580) 310-6475 or 1-888-661-0137. Complete your ballot properly - make your vote count!

Editor's note: This special edition of *the Chickasaw Times* is an election issue. It contains the announcements and pictures of all candidates. Biographical sketches and personal messages in this issue were submitted by the candidates.

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Bill Anoatubby
Governor

Application for:
☐ Voter Registration
☐ Citizenship
☐ Change of Address
☐ Abstain from Voting

Application for Citizenship/Voter Registration in the Chickasaw Nation

Last Name | First Name | Middle | Maiden | Social Security Number

Mailing Address (Street, Box, Route) | City | County | State | Zip Code

Date of Birth | Sex | Degree of Blood | Issuing Agency

Do you possess Indian blood of another tribe? If yes, what tribe(s)? _____

Do you wish to have your Social Security number printed on your citizenship card? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If you are applying for a citizenship card, please **attach a current color photograph** (passport, Polaroid or professional photographs are appropriate). Photographs must be in color and no smaller than 1½" by 1¼".

If you are 18 or over and wish to register as a Chickasaw voter, you must choose the appropriate voting district below.

If you live INSIDE the Chickasaw Nation, mark the district in which you reside.

If you live OUTSIDE the Chickasaw Nation, you must mark the district of your choice.

☐ Pontotoc District No. 1
☐ Pickens District No. 2
☐ Panola District No. 3
☐ Tishomingo District No. 4

***Please do not discard your CDIB card. The citizenship card will take the place of your voter card.**

I am a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation as defined in the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation and Title 2, Section 2 of the Chickasaw Nation Tribal Code. I understand that false or erroneous information can cause loss of citizenship.

YOUR SIGNATURE REQUIRED Indicate relationship if other than applicant (Parent/legal guardian must sign for minors/wards) | Daytime Phone No. | Date

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OFFICE USE ONLY

Confirmation

Authorizing Signature | CDIB Number | Date

Form no. 264 CDIB Rev. 3/2008

OFFICIAL MAIL BALLOT

PRIMARY ELECTION
CHICKASAW NATION

Supreme Court Seat 1
Ada, Oklahoma
JULY 27, 2010

SAMPLE

This is your secret ballot.
Do not sign or otherwise mutilate it.

DO NOT ERASE

TO VOTE:USE A #2 PENCIL (NO INK)

Complete the arrow(s) pointing to your choice(s). like this

Supreme Court Seat 1

Jeremy D. Oliver

Mark Colbert

SAMPLE

How to make sure your ballot is counted

Make sure you sign your name in cursive, using an ink pen (NO PENCIL on your signature), **EXACTLY** the way it is written on the envelope, or it will not be counted.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I AM A CITIZEN OF THE CHICKASAW NATION AND THAT I AM ENTITLED TO VOTE IN THE CHICKSAW TRIBAL ELECTION FOR THE CANDIDATES HEREIN MARKED. I FURTHER CERTIFY THAT I MARKED THE ENCLOSED BALLOT IN SECRET.

John D. Doe
VOTER'S SIGNATURE

John D. Doe
P.O. Box O
Anytown, USA 0000000-0000

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CORRECT:
You must find the name of the candidate you wish to vote for and **complete the arrow** directly across from their name by using a pencil. (NO INK)

DO NOT circle, underline, put an X or check mark any of the candidate's names or it will not be counted!

THE CHICKASAW NATION TRIBAL ELECTION 2010 PRIMARY ELECTION SCHEDULE

June 7-9: Candidate filing period (8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. at the Election Secretary's office)
June 11: Challenge to Candidacy ends at 5 p.m.
June 14: Drawing for position on the ballot (1:30 p.m. at the Election Secretary's office)
Candidates may pick up labels, print-outs, & CD's.
June 14: Last day to submit photo & biography to "Chickasaw Times" (by 4:00 pm)
Press release for candidates (news/media)
June 28: Ballots mailed to voters who reside out of the contiguous 48 states
July 6: Voter registration closes.
July 7: After 12 p.m. candidates may pick up updated labels, print-outs, & CD's.
July 12: Ballots mailed to ALL qualified voters.
July 21: Last day to appoint a watcher.
July 27: 2010 Primary Election (last day to return ballots; no later than 10:30 a.m.)
Ballot tabulation begins @ 11 a.m.
Unofficial results posted immediately
Press Release made to public.
July 27: Voter registration re-opens, if no run-off election.
July 30: Recount period ends.
October 1: Oath of Office Ceremony (11:00 a.m.)

THE CHICKASAW NATION 2010 RUN-OFF ELECTION SCHEDULE (IF NEEDED)

August 2: Candidates may pick up labels, print-outs, & CD's (after 12:00 p.m.)
August 16: Ballots mailed to ALL qualified voters.
August 25: Last day to appoint a watcher for the run-off election.
August 31: 2010 Run-Off Election *(last day to return ballots; no later than 10:30 a.m.)*
Ballot tabulation begins @ 11 a.m.
Unofficial results posted immediately
Press Release made to public.
Voter registration re-opens
September 3: Recount period ends.
October 1: Oath of Office ceremony (11:00 a.m.)

Name
Address
City State Zip
NEW ADDRESS CHECK HERE

2009 **Primary Election Ballot Enclosed**
Return Before JULY 28, 2009

Notice: A hole is punched in the envelope to verify the ballot was inserted.

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